



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received some scattered snow showers along the North Eastern Plains last week but the majority of the State received no precipitation. Dry conditions were encouraged by higher than average temperatures. Soil moisture ratings continue to show that extremely dry conditions persist. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	41	32	0
Last Week	31	41	28	0
Last Year	17	29	50	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	38	9	0
Last Week	53	39	8	0
Last Year	21	29	49	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat emergence was behind the average reaching 85 percent last week compared with 95 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 90 percent harvested, 18 points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum progress increased to 99 percent mature and 62 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued last week with 93 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflower harvest progressed to 74 percent complete.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 4, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	52	40	6	2	0
Last Year	12	20	44	23	1

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 4, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	59	25	13	3	0
Prev. Year - 2011	17	19	34	30	0
5-Year Avg.	7	17	38	34	4

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 4, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Harvested	90	80	68	72
Sorghum				
Mature	99	97	98	99
Harvested	62	38	48	60
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	93	85	82	85
Sunflowers				
Harvested	74	61	61	71
Winter Wheat				
Planted	100	99	100	100
Emerged	85	77	96	95

- Represents zero.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	10	44	41	2
Winter Wheat	6	22	45	26	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

